

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

TIME: **5:00 p.m.**

PLACE: **Lower Level Training Room, City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Alderpersons Kittelson, Dekker, Sampson, Carlson and VanAkkeren**

Call to order – The nineteenth meeting of the 2011-12 Public Protection & Safety Committee
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Kittelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction of Committee Members

Approval of the minutes of the Public Protection and Safety Committee meeting from February 15, 2012. Alderperson VanAkkeren moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. All aye - motion passed.

- 1. R. O. No. 367-11-12 (3-1)** submitting the report of the Building Inspection Department for the month of January 2012. After review, Alderperson Dekker moved to accept and file. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.
- 2.** Discussion and possible action regarding the ceramic black and white house numbers required on all homes in the City. Alderperson Dekker advised that he has received a few calls and one letter regarding this issue. Building Inspector Pat Eirich was present. He provided a copy of the ordinance (Chapter 110 starting at 346 of the Municipal Code) as well as copies of some pictures showing examples of various house numbers. Requirements of the ordinance were reviewed. The cost of the numbers and the purpose of the code were discussed. Steve Radovan, 1636 S. 17th Street, was present. He suggested that the code should be amended to allow decorative house numbers as long as they are visible and can be recognized from the street. Mr. Radovan also pointed out that a number of public buildings are not following the code. Additional discussion took place regarding enforcement, safety concerns, and public education.
- 3. R. O. 369-11-12 (3-3)** submitting a communication from Peggy Clutts stating that she is upset about garbage fees and the fact that she is being charged double because her home is listed as a two family property. Alderperson Kittelson advised that she talked with Peggy Clutts about this issue. Alderperson Sampson raised the question of whether the fee was imposed based upon the number of water meters at the property or the number of addresses at the property. Chad Pelishek stated that when the Council adopted this it was decided to go off of the addresses for the building versus the meters. Alderperson Sampson advised that it was his understanding that the fee would be based upon the number of water meters not the number of living units. City Assessor Lee Grosenick was present. Discussion took place regarding the procedure for converting a two family to a one family. It was concluded that Ms. Clutts needs to go through this

process. Alderperson Carlson moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.

4. **Res. No. 140-11-12 (4-1)** by Alderperson Kittelson amending the City's bond schedule. This item was discussed with Items 5 (Gen. Ord. No. 69-11-12) and 6 (Gen. Ord. No. 70-11-12) below. Assistant City Attorney Adams advised that this relates to a change in the penalties for building code violations. In doing that, there was a recommendation to establish a single fine – no range. ACA Adams stated that the bond amount will remain the same, but this change will add a range to the building code penalties so that the fine amount can be adjusted due to the circumstances of the case. The changes in Chapter 66 will provide for the same bond schedule and range of penalties for tickets issued by either police officers or building inspectors. Alderperson Dekker moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.
5. **Gen. Ord. No. 69-11-12 (6-3)** by Alderperson Kittelson repealing and recreating various portions of Chapter 26 of the Sheboygan Municipal Code so as to change the forfeiture structure for violations of the chapter. This item was discussed with Item 4 (Res. No. 140-11-12) above. Motion to approve passed 5 – 0.
6. **Gen. Ord. No. 70-11-12 (6-4)** by Alderperson Kittelson repealing and recreating Section 66-2 of the Sheboygan Municipal Code so as to change the forfeiture structure for violations of Chapter 66. This item was discussed with Item 4 (Res. No. 140-11-12) above. Motion to approve passed 5 – 0.
7. **R. O. No. 331-11-12 (19-19)** submitting a communication from Douglas Byerly requesting a marked handicapped spot in front of his home at 1028 Grand Ave. and stating when North High School is in session there is no available parking for two blocks. Ryan Sazama advised he met with Mr. Byerly. Mr. Byerly also emailed Ryan the signatures from his neighbors. Ryan advised that he will bring the ordinance in to the next meeting. Alderperson Kittelson suggested that Mr. Byerly should be informed that he needs to obtain the required house numbers. Alderperson Dekker moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.
8. **R. O. No. 370-11-12 (3-4)** submitting a communication from Michael Brown requesting a waiver of the Sex Offender Residency restrictions to live at 611A Bell Ave. Micheal Brown was present. After discussion, Alderperson VanAkkeren moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.
9. **R. O. No. 371-11-12 (3-5)** submitting a communication from Darnell Johnston requesting a waiver of the Sex Offender Residency restrictions to live at 1112 N. 11th St. Darnell Johnston did not appear. Alderperson VanAkkeren moved to deny. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Next meeting date: March 14, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

JEAN KITTELSON – CHAIRMAN

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